

Remarks

1. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-9 and 19-36 are pending. Claims 10-18 are cancelled herein. Claims 19 and 28 are presently amended. The Examiner stated that claims 1-9 and 19-36 are allowed. The Examiner has rejected claims 10 and 18 under U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,496,313 to Haines et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,650,492 to Lenny et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,479,214 to Ryan. The Examiner has also rejected claims 11, 13, 14, and 15 18 under U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Haines et al. in view of Lenny et al., further in view of Ryan, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,944,791 to Humlicek et al. Claim 12 is rejected under U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Haines et al. in view of Lenny et al., further in view of Ryan, and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 20010042230 to Williams et al. Finally, claims 16 and 17 are rejected under U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Haines et al. in view of Lenny et al., further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,993,679 to George.

2. Pending Claims 1-9 and 19-36

The Examiner stated in the previous Office Action that claims 1-9 and 19-36 are allowable, citing a specific basis for allowability for independent claims 1, 19, and 28. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of these claims. In order to ready the claims for allowance, Applicants have cancelled claims 10-18, the only claims that the Examiner rejected in the previous Office Action. Additionally, Applicants have examined all pending claims and have made small amendments to independent claims 19 and 28 for the sake of clarity. Specifically, in independent claim 19, Applicants have corrected a lack of antecedent basis for the term "read error" by correcting the phrase "the read error" to "a read error." In

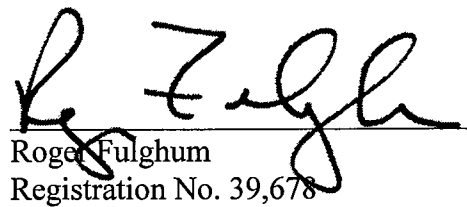
independent claim 28, the only amendments Applicants have made are to change the language “constructed and arranged” to the more succinct term “operable.” Additionally, Applicants have changed the use of the term “can” to “is operable to” for consistency. Applicants submit that the amendments detailed above are the only amendments currently made to any of the claims. Additionally, Applicants submit that no new subject matter has been entered through any of these amendments.

As such, Applicants believe that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. The Examiner has stated that these claims are allowable, and Applicants have examined the claims and only made those amendments as will aid in clarity.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 1-9 and 19-36 should be passed to issuance.

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